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II. Title and Ownership; Transfers and Encumbrances

A. Title

§ 34. Bills of sale

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In some jurisdictions, statutes have been enacted which require the execution of bills of sale in connection with the sale or transfer of motor vehicles.¹ Since such statutes are police measures and regulatory in character,² neither compliance nor noncompliance with their terms, although persuasive,³ is regarded as conclusive of the question of title.⁴

Where there is no statutory requirement that a bill of sale be executed in connection with the transfer of title to a motor vehicle, the absence of a bill of sale does not constitute evidence of nonownership.⁵

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Footnotes

1 § 40.

2 § 40.

3 *Cincinnati Ins. Co. v. Nelson*, 668 So. 2d 539 (Ala. 1995); *Worley v. Schaefer*, 228 Neb. 484, 423 N.W.2d 748, 6 U.C.C. Rep. Serv. 2d 710 (1988).

4 *Worley v. Schaefer*, 228 Neb. 484, 423 N.W.2d 748, 6 U.C.C. Rep. Serv. 2d 710 (1988).

5 *General Ins. Co. v. Hughes*, 152 Tex. 159, 255 S.W.2d 193 (1953).